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BLOOD HUNT DRACULA

PREVIOUSLY

DRACULA is the legendary immortal lord of the vampires, who rules his undead nation from his stronghold in **VAMPYRSK**, the vampire nation.

BRIELLE BROOKS is the daughter of **BLADE**, the half-human, half-vampire monster hunter. Brielle, A.K.A. **BLOODLINE**, inherited her father's superhuman strength, reflexes and senses, using them to defend against creatures of the night.


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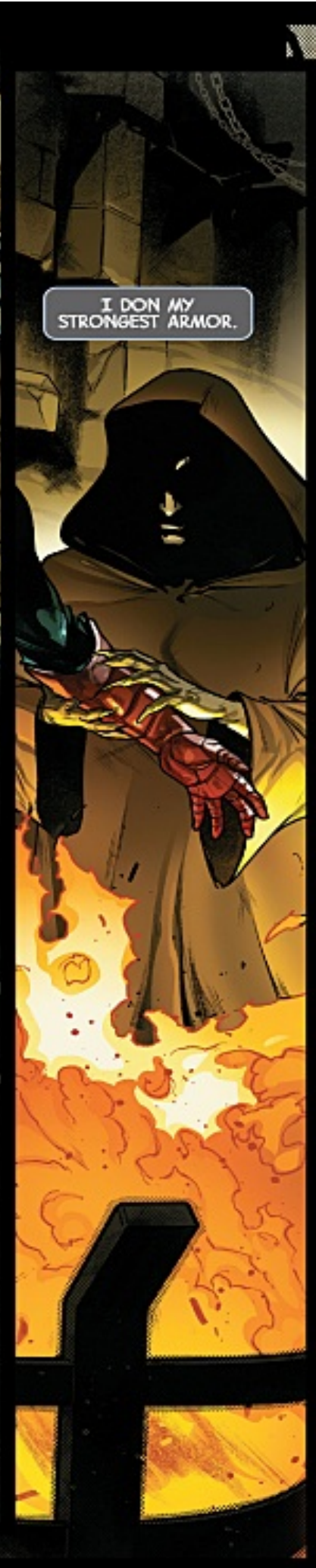
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THE DAWN
IS ENDING.



AND YET I ARM
MYSELF WITH
WEAPONS TO
DEFEND IT, NOT
AID ITS FAILING.



I DON MY
STRONGEST ARMOR.



GRASP MY
STRONGEST SWORD.

AND REMIND
MYSELF...

VAMPIRE NATION,
SUNDEATH -00:01:00.

...I HAVE YET TO CLAIM
THE STRANGEST
PIECE OF MY ARSENAL.



LORD
DRACULA--



--THE
SPY HAS
RETURNED.

ALLOW
HER PASSAGE,
XARUS.



LORD DRACULA,
I'M BLESSED BY THE
OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT
TO YOU DIRECTL--

BE QUICK
ABOUT YOUR
REPORT.



THERE'S LITTLE
TIME UNTIL THE
RITUAL PREPARATIONS
ARE COMPLETE.

THE SITUATION
IS EXACTLY AS YOU
PREDICTED. EVERYTHING
IS IN PLACE FOR YOUR
ARRIVAL IN ATLANTA.
HOWEVER...

...THE UNREST
HAS ALREADY BEGUN.
RUMORS OF DISSENT
BOTH HERE AND OVERSEAS.
VAMPIRES WHO SEE
THE CHANGING TIDE AS--



POTENTIAL
TRAITORS ARE TO
BE DEALT WITH
IMMEDIATELY.

OF
COURSE.

REGARDLESS
OF THE ROOT
OF THEIR
DISCONTENT.



USING THIS
MOMENT TO TAKE
OUT THOSE DISLOYAL
TO YOU, EVEN IF IT IS
NOT CONNECTED TO THE
DARK MAGIC AT PLAY...
I'M HONORED TO
TAKE PART IN THE
CLEANSING.

INDEED, AND
YOUR OTHER
MISSION?

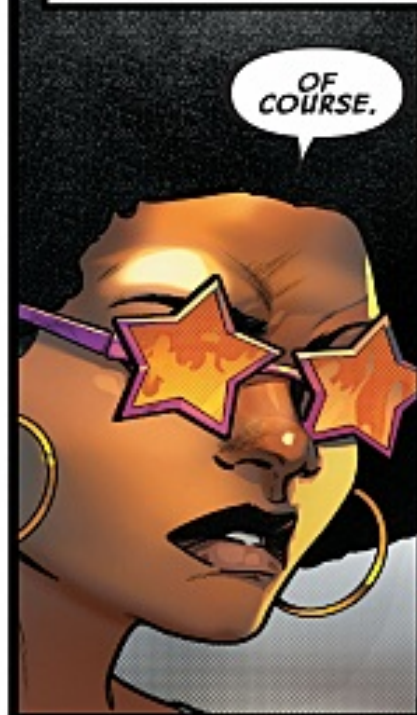


THE GIRL.



BRIELLE
BROOKS IS ALIVE.
UNAWARE SHE'S
BEING WATCHED.

YOU'VE
CONFIRMED THIS
WITH YOUR OWN
EYES? AND YOURS
ALONE?



OF
COURSE.



GOOD.



WE DO NOT
HAVE THE TIME TO
CLEAN UP EVEN MORE
LOOSE ENDS.

XARIUS, HER
BLOOD WILL BE
ENOUGH TO FUEL
MY TRAVEL.



HAVE THE BLOOD
MAGES MAKE THE FINAL
PREPARATIONS.

I FEEL THE
MOMENT THE
DAWN ENDS.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA.
SUNDEATH - 00:03:33.



SURE ARE, LONG AS
YOU'RE STILL UP
FOR COMPANY,
BRIELLE.

PFFT, IT'S WAY TOO
QUIET IN THE HOUSE
RIGHT NOW, REB.

WHAT BETTER WAY TO KEEP THE
QUIET AWAY THAN LISTENING TO
YOU AND JAYDEN ARGUE OVER
HISTORY PRESENTATIONS?



THANKS AGAIN
FOR TAKING OVER
CARPOOL DUTIES
FOR A MINUTE.

MY FOLKS
NEEDED THE
CAR.

IT'S ALL GOLDEN.
MY MOM'S DOUBLE
SHIFT AT THE HOSPITAL
MEANS IT'S WAY SAFER
FOR HER TO TAKE THE
BUS TONIGHT
THAN DRIVE.



IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE VIDEO GAME WE WERE DREAMING UP...

...IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME THAT THE VAMPIRE-HUNTING PROTAGONIST WITH A FAMOUS VAMPIRE-HUNTING DAD HAS A LIFE OUTSIDE OF HUNTING.











...I THINK
SOMEONE ELSE IS
GONNA HAVE TO DRIVE
TOMORROW.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA.
SUNDEATH 0:00:20.

IT IS RARE IN THE MODERN
WORLD THAT *CEMETERIES*
AND *MAUSOLEUMS* ARE
TRULY SILENT.

EVEN WHERE BODIES ARE
DECOMPOSED AND RATS
HAVE LONG SINCE STARVED,
THE *MODERN WORLD*
BRINGS TOO MUCH NOISE.

AAAAAAH!
STAY AWAY,
STAY---

TRAFFIC.
POWER LINES.

BEEN A WHILE
SINCE WE'VE
HAD AN EARLY
BREAKFAST...

...BE A
SHAME IF WE WASTED
TIME QUESTIONING
IT...

THERE ARE ALWAYS THOSE
USING TECHNOLOGY TO
MOURN, POINTING CAMERAS
AT RESTING PLACES WHILE
FARAWAY RELATIVES
PRATTLE AT HEADSTONES.



IT IS RARELY SILENT,
NO MATTER HOW
DARK THE SHADOWS.

YOU WILL
DO JUST
NICELY.



I NEED
TO FIND
SOMEONE.
A GIRL.




HUH?

HAHA! YOU
OLD OR OUTTA
YOUR MIND,
BRUH?


YOU KNOW
HOW RIDICULOUS
YOU LOOK,
RIGHT?




YOUTHFUL
ARROGANCE.



FOREVER
INCONVENIENT.



AND YET...SO
EASILY REINED IN.



YOU STILL
STAND BECAUSE
I HAVE A *USE*
FOR YOU.

I ASSUME
YOU HAVE...
FRIENDS.

WHEN I SAID THIS FELT LIKE WHEN I GOT MY POWERS, I WAS WRONG.



IT'S THE BURST OF EXCITEMENT AND ADRENALINE WHEN I WAS HALFWAY BETWEEN THIRD BASE AND HOME IN SOFTBALL—BUT TURNED UP TO ONE HUNDRED.



BUT MY DAD'S BLADE, THE VAMPIRE HUNTER—AND ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS HE TAUGHT ME...

...WAS HOW TO FALL.





ONE MILLION.

SNAP

IS THIS HOW MY
DAD FEELS FIGHTING
VAMPIRES? IS THIS HOW
VAMPIRES FEEL?

OOF!

I HAVE TO REMEMBER NOT
TO GET COCKY. CAN'T SAVE
PEOPLE WHILE GETTING MY
BUTT KICKED.



GET
OUT OF
HERE!

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!



HSSS

HII—



--YA!



H-HE SAID...
YOU WERE JUST
A KID.

WHO IS
HE?



WHAT?!



MORE
FRIENDS OF
YOUR?

EVERYONE
KEEPS ASKING ME
ABOUT MY—



I'VE GOT
THIS.

THIS IS WHAT
DAD TRAINED
ME FOR.

EVEN AS I TELL MYSELF
THAT, I CAN'T HELP
BUT WONDER--

—WHO BESIDES
MY DAD KNOWS
WHO I AM?



LIKE THEY'RE IGNORING EVERYTHING ELSE AND GUNNING FOR ME...

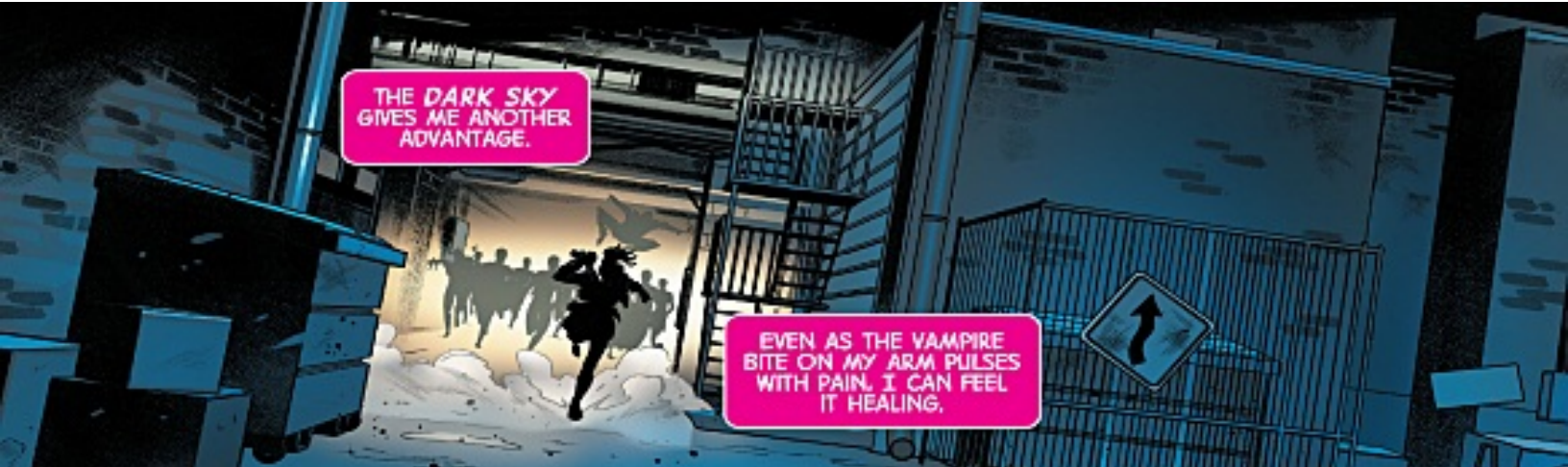


THERE'S JUST ENOUGH PAIN THAT I CAN'T FOCUS ON MY SUSPICIONS.





THE DARK SKY
GIVES ME ANOTHER
ADVANTAGE.



EVEN AS THE VAMPIRE
BITE ON MY ARM PULSES
WITH PAIN, I CAN FEEL
IT HEALING.



I RUN UNTIL I
FEEL MY STRENGTH
COMING BACK.



I JUST NEED THEM
TO LOSE SIGHT OF
ME FOR A SECOND.



I HOLD MY BREATH,
STAY MORE STILL
THAN I EVER HAVE...



...AND TAKE THE
CHEAPEST SHOT
I'VE EVER TAKEN
IN MY LIFE.

AT FIRST, I THINK IT'S
JUST GIVEN ME
SECONDS—MAYBE A
COUPLE OF HITS ON
THE VAMPIRES AROUND
ME, I'M STILL GOING
TO GO DOWN.



BUT THEN THE MOMENTUM
OF THE FIGHT CHANGES.
NUMBERS ARE GOING DOWN
FASTER THAN I'M WORKING.

I'M NOT
ALONE.



MY DAD'S THE
BEST FIGHTER
I'VE EVER SEEN.

UNTIL THIS MOMENT, I
NEVER KNEW THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE BEST FIGHTER...

...AND THE MOST
POWERFUL.



ARM YOURSELF,
CHILD!

I THINK I KNOW
WHO THIS IS...

...AND I DON'T KNOW
WHY HE WOULD BE
FIGHTING VAMPIRES
WITH ME...




...BUT I DON'T EXACTLY
HAVE TIME TO FREAK
OUT ABOUT IT.

UNTIL SUDDENLY,
IT'S QUIET...



...AND THERE'S
PLENTY OF TIME
TO FREAK OUT.



I KNOW
YOU.

YOU--
YOU'RE HIM...
DRACULA.



THEN
BLADE TOLD
YOU OF ME.

AT LEAST
THAT PART OF
YOUR EDUCATION
ISN'T LACKING...

EVEN IF
YOUR COMBAT
REMAINS...LESS THAN
IMPRESSIVE.



Y-YOU COME
CLOSER, AND I'LL
SHOW YOU HOW
IMPRESSIVE
IT IS.



YOU
MISUNDERSTAND
ME, CHILD.

THIS IS
NOT THE BATTLE
I'M HERE TO
FIGHT.





YOU ARE
BRIELLE BROOKS,
THE DAUGHTER OF MY
OLDEST ENEMY.

THE
END OF HIS
BLOODLINE.



MY POPS
WOULDN'T TELL
YOU WHO
I AM.

OR
WHERE I
WAS.

NO, HE
WOULDN'T.


BUT THE VERY
SAME EVENTS THAT
GAVE YOU YOUR NOCTURNAL
GIFTS...MADE FINDING
YOU A *CHILD'S*
ENDEAVOR.



I DID NOT
SEEK YOU OUT FOR
VENGEANCE, THOUGH
THAT WILL BE OF
LITTLE COMFORT
TO YOU.




THE
WORLD IS
ENDING.



→COUGH← ...YOU
DON'T STRIKE ME AS
SOMEONE WHO'D WANT
TO SPEND THE END
OF THE WORLD
IN ATLANTA.


NO, I DO
NOT HOLD IT IN
THE SAME REGARD
AS YOU DO.



BUT IF
YOU COME WITH
ME AND WE ARE
VERY LUCKY...




...WE MIGHT
YET SAVE IT, AND
MORE STILL.



YOU WANT
ME TO GO
WITH YOU...

...TO
SAVE THE
WORLD.



THESE
GUYS WITH
YOU?

THEY ARE THE
FASTEST MODE
OF TRANSPORTATION
AVAILABLE.

TWO THINGS:
IF YOU ARE LYING, ME
AND MY DAD **WILL**
WRECK YOU—

OBVIOUSLY.

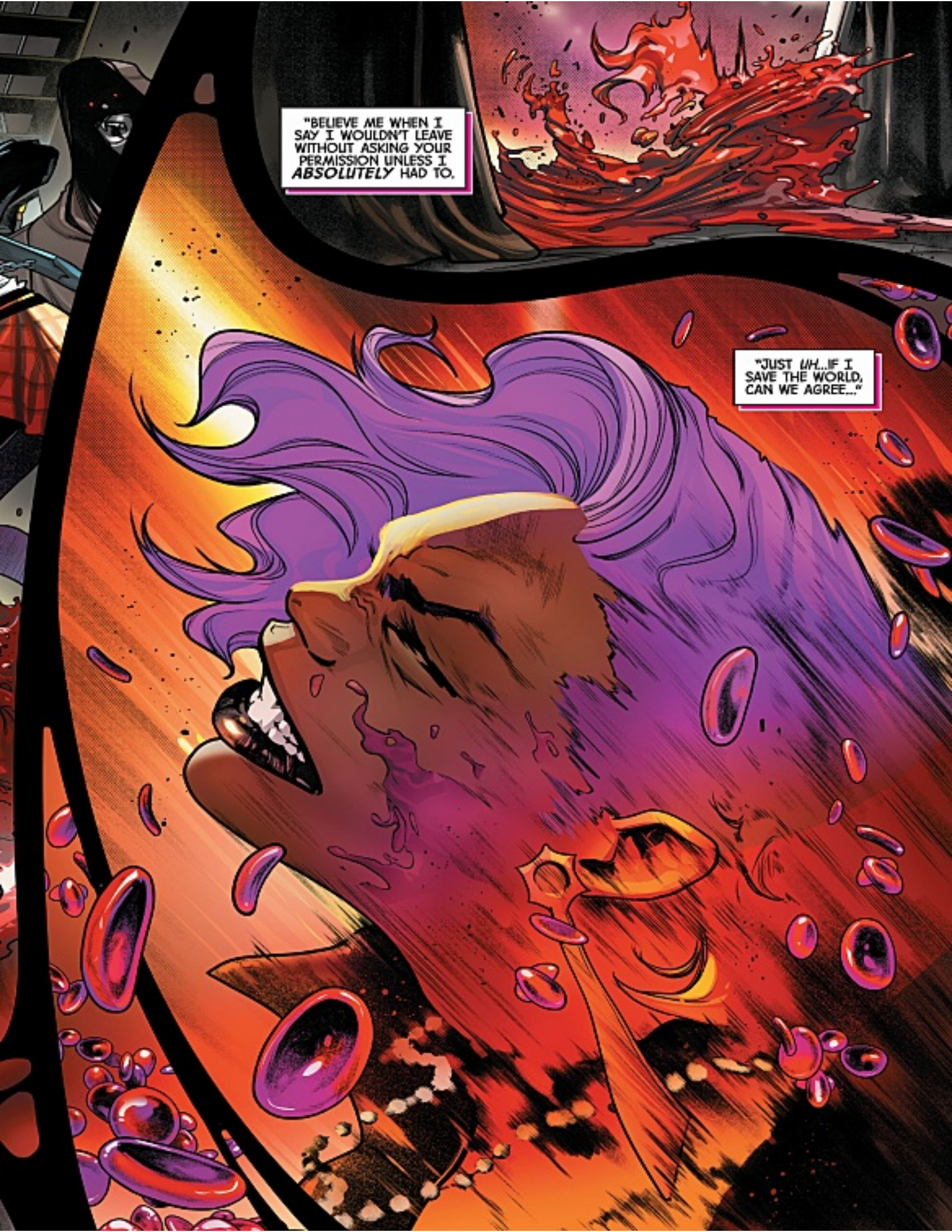
—AND SECOND...
I NEED TO GIVE
MY MOM
A CALL.

"HEY, MOM...UH...HOPEFULLY
BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS,
I'LL BE ON MY WAY HOME.

"NOT LIKELY,
BUT HOPEFULLY.

"DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME—
YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH PATIENTS
IN THE E.R. NOW WITH THESE
VAMPIRES RUNNING AROUND.

"THE WORLD **NEEDS**
ME, JUST LIKE YOUR
PATIENTS NEED YOU.



"BELIEVE ME WHEN I
SAY I WOULDN'T LEAVE
WITHOUT ASKING YOUR
PERMISSION UNLESS I
ABSOLUTELY HAD TO.

"JUST UH...IF I
SAVE THE WORLD,
CAN WE AGREE..."

MANHATTAN, NEW YORK.
SUNDEATH 00:01:07.

"...YOU DON'T NEED
TO GROUND ME?"

NEXT: FANGS VS. HORNS!

BLOOD HUNT

MAY CHECKLIST

■	FREE COMIC BOOK DAY: BLOOD HUNT/X-MEN #1
■	VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #5
■	BLOOD HUNT #1
■	BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #1
■	AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #49
■	AVENGERS #14
■	BLOOD HUNTERS #1
■	DOCTOR STRANGE #15
■	DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	VENOM #33
□	AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	BLOOD HUNT #2
□	BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #2
□	BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #1

**THE HUNT CONTINUES
IN JUNE...**

NEXT:

BLOOD HUNT DRACULA

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In the deepest, darkest, unholy night ever known to man or beast, **DRACULA**, lord of the vampires, has come to **BLOODLINE**, daughter of **BLADE**, demanding a sacrifice: a devil's bargain of the soul. A soul in peril? Seek a priest. A deal to escape? A lawyer. And a devil must be met face-to-face. Luckily for Bloodline, there's one man who fulfills all three criteria: none other than **DAREDEVIL**.

But does he—or anyone—stand a chance against a city full of bloodthirsty vampires...and the unending night in which they feed?



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